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Credit Information Program Underway in Defense Dept.

An accelerated information program is underway by the Defense Department to make military personnel more knowledgeable concerning credit buying.

Reissue of DOD Directive 1344.7 requests sellers and lenders to subscribe to "Standards of Fairness" by informing the military buyer of the full cost of credit.

The directive includes a table whereby the annual rate may be computed so the purchaser may make a comparison.

In line with President Johnson's "Truth in Lending" proposals, the directive notes that sellers and lenders are expected to make full disclosure of the full cost of credit, simply and clearly, before any credit contract is negotiated.

Signed by Deputy Secretary of Defense Cyrus Vance, the directive also explains jurisdiction of commanders regarding on-base solicitation.

The directive is scheduled for publication in the Federal Register and will become effective July 1.

"Of special concern," the directive states, "is the need to assure that members of the armed forces are not subject to fraudulent, usurious or unethical business practices, and that reasonable and consistent standards are applied to each company and its agents in conducting commercial transactions on the installation."

The directive explains that military departments will provide assistance to those who observe requirements of the directive by referring letters charging military personnel with indebtedness to the debtor through military channels.

'Old Guard' Unit of 3rd Infantry Seeks Some Overseas Returnees

Certain overseas returnees may be assigned to Army's oldest active infantry unit, The Old Guard, 3rd Infantry, at Ft. Myer, Va. and Ft. McNair, Washington, D. C.

Personnel officials may report personnel who are qualified and who desire this assignment. Need is for MOSs 11B, 11C or 11F, meeting qualifications in Figure 4-3, AR 600-200.

NEW PATCH—Gen. John K. Waters, CINCUSARPAC (left), pins newly authorized U.S. Army Vietnam patch on Gen. William C. Westmoreland, COMUSMACV, at Tan Son Nhut, RVN. Similar in shape to the Military Assistance Command, Vietnam, patch now being worn by USARV troops, it is expected to be available in September.

U.S., West Germany Agree On Main Battle Tank Design

Agreement has been reached between the United States and the Federal Republic of Germany on design of the Main Battle Tank for the 1970s. Prototypes will be built in both countries.

The next development phase, fabrication of pilot models and testing, will shift from Augsburg, Germany, to General Motors Technical Center, Warren, Mich.

U. S. prototypes will be built at Army Tank Plant, Cleveland, Ohio, with an equal number of prototypes built in West Germany.

Officials said start of this phase marks a milestone in the unique two-nation development. An international two-man Program Management Board has met about 15 times during the 33-month-long program.

The board is currently preparing plans for advance production engineering of the final model. All costs are shared on a 50-50 basis.

Washington Memos

JOSEPH S. HOOVER has been appointed Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary in office of Assistant Secretary of Defense (Comptroller). He will supervise, direct and review the Defense program/budget system and will act for the Assistant Secretary of Defense in his absence.

CASUALTY STATISTICS REVEAL that 3,152 U. S. service personnel have lost their lives in hostile actions in RVN from Jan. 1, 1961 thru April 30, 1966. Additionally, 16,999 have suffered nonfatal wounds. Deaths resulting from nonhostile actions number 719.

NUCLEAR POWERED FLEET ballistic missile submarine Francis Scott Key (SSBN-657) launched April 23 at Groton, Conn. With launching of Key, fleet ballistic submarine program has 35 commissioned, five launched but not commissioned and one under construction.

32ND ARTILLERY BRIGADE to be redesignated as 32nd Army Air Defense Command, May 11, with headquarters in Kaiserslautern, Germany. Only other U.S. Army Air Defense Command is in CONUS as part of unified North American Air Defense Command. The 32nd consists of all U.S. Army surface-to-air missiles in Europe and has authorized strength of some 14,000 men.

HIGH QUALITY OF professionalism among American troops in Vietnam has been cited by Secretary of Army Stanley Resor. He told an audience in Chicago he was impressed by spirit of dedication and "can-do" attitude of soldiers there. Praising their innate toughness and determination, he said they should be source of pride to all Americans.

PLANS TO STRENGTHEN U.S. air defenses started with expansion of nation's secondary aerospace control system BUIC (Back-Up Interceptor Control), a stand-by, monitor system which automatically takes over continental air defense task if USAF's primary system, SAGE, becomes inoperative for any reason.

NAVY'S GENERAL AVIATION Technical Training Conference held at Naval Air Station, Memphis, Tenn., May 10-12. Approximately 200 Navy, Marine Corps and Coast Guard officers to attend. Conference is held every two years.

THREE SPANISH ARMY officers were recently graduated from 7th U.S. Army Aviation Training Center, Schleissheim, Germany. Capt. Juan Miro de Santos, Lts. Alejo Valia Laurerio and Manuel Berrocal Lorenzo underwent 35 hours of ground school and 25 hours flight instruction in UH-1B Helicopter Transition Training Course.

DEFENSE SECRETARY HAS directed services to change regulations dealing with medical officer commissions so that qualified doctors of osteopathy, who volunteer, may be accepted. Only doctors of medicine have previously been commissioned in the three services' medical corps. Congress passed a law in 1956 authorizing commissions for osteopaths, but legislation was permissive rather than mandatory.

ARMY AIR DEFENSE Command teams will conduct future annual general inspections of Army National Guard units which help make up ARADCOM's nationwide task force. First round of inspections, involving NG units in California, will be conducted in August 1966.

AIR FORCE COMMUNICATIONS Service is relocating its 4th Mobile Communications Group, Hunter AFB, Ga., at Altus AFB, Okla. Move will be phased over period of time, with final elements at Altus in third quarter FY67.

JOHN H. GLENN, first American astronaut to orbit Earth, is touring Europe. His schedule calls for talks on U. S. space program before educational, scientific and technical groups as NASA consultant. On Memorial Day, May 30, he will participate in services at American Military Cemetery, Luxembourg.

NAVY BEAUTIFICATION PROGRAM calls for placing about one million acres of land into various stages of forest development within next 10 years. Program is also designed to provide future source of timber.

ANNUAL REUNION OF MARINE Communication-Electronics Officers is slated for June 11 at MCRD, San Diego, Calif. Attendance open to all retired, reserve, and active duty Comm. or Elec. Officers, their wives and guests. For further information and reservations, write Maj. Neil DeSio, C-E School Bn., MCRD, San Diego, Calif. 92140, prior to June 1.

AIR FORCE'S FIRST appointment under new Distinguished AFROTC Graduate program went to Myron R. Williams, Miami University, Oxford, Ohio. Up to 20 percent of AFROTC graduates may now be designated as distinguished graduates, qualifying for initial appointment as Regular, rather than Reserve. Lt. Williams reports to Webb AFB, Tex., for pilot training.

NEW GLOSSARY OF scientific and technical terms used in technical data and standardization programs may be secured by interested DOD and industry activities from U.S. Naval Supply Depot, 5801 Tabor Ave., Philadelphia, Pa. 19120. Title is: "Department of Defense Technical Data and Standardization Glossary."

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STRATCOM Activates New Command in Southeast Asia

A major subordinate command has been activated by Army's STRATCOM to consolidate control of Army communications support elements in Southeast Asia.

The announcement by Maj. Gen. Richard J. Meyer, CG, Army's STRATCOM, said the new subcommand, to be known as USASTRATCOM Signal Brigade, Southeast Asia, will be commanded by Col. Robert D. Terry who has been selected for promotion to brigadier general.

Under the realignment, the STRATCOM Signal Brigade will be fully responsive to all communications requirements of COMUSMACV and COMUSMACTHAI, providing electronics functions in support of the U.S. military effort in Southeast Asia.

The brigade becomes the fifth major field command in STRATCOM's worldwide operations.

Defense Command Wins Daedalian Safety Trophy

The Air Force's Air Defense Command has been named winner of the Daedalian Flying Safety Trophy, achieving the lowest aircraft accident rate for a fighter command.

Other winners of annual Daedalian Trophy awards announced by Gen. John P. McConnell, USAF Chief of Staff, were: Carswell AFB's 7th Bomb Wing, Tex., the Daedalian Maintenance Trophy; 354th Tactical Fighter Wing Base Level Supply Section at Myrtle Beach AFB, S.C., the Daedalian Supply Effectiveness Trophy.

Wingless Rocket Plane for Reentry Research Under Development

A manned, lifting body vehicle — a revolutionary rocket plane without wings—is scheduled for development to explore the atmospheric maneuverability of future spacecraft.

Named the SV-5P, the new research vehicle will be built by the Martin Co. for the Air Force Systems Command's Aeronautical Systems Division as part of the PILOT (Piloted Low Speed Test) Project. An unmanned SV-5 is in the START program, of which PILOT is a part.

Powered by a rocket engine, the SV-5P will carry one man and be used to learn more about the flight characteristics and maneuverability of wingless lifting bodies from supersonic speeds of approximately Mach 2 down to landing at normal jet-fighter speeds between 120 and 150 miles per hour.

HEROIC FAC—Maj. Harmon A. Dungan Jr., USAF, is congratulated by Lt. Gen. Lewis L. Mundell, AFLC vice commander, upon presentation of the Distinguished Flying Cross for heroism as a forward air controller directing a strike against Viet Cong gun emplacements. He also received Bronze Star, 16th through 26th Oak Leaf Clusters to the Air Medal and Combat Readiness Medal.

Computer Analysis Program Developed by 2 AF Officers

Two members of Air Force Academy's Department of Mathematics have developed a program for computer analysis of incentive contracts that will save the government money.

Capts. John D. Johnston and Robert D. Krutz initiated the program to provide government agencies with a rapid and accurate means of determining effective contract structure.

Army, Navy, Air Force's Senior Officer Management School, Space Systems Division and DOD are studying the program.

Savings Bond Sales Up in April

Last month's Series E Savings Bonds sales were the highest for any April since 1946, while combined sales of E and H bonds were the highest for the same month since 1955.

Treasury Department reported that public holdings of Series E and H United States Savings Bonds gained $80 million in April.

The report also disclosed that E and H sales during April represented a 9.2 percent increase over the $391 million sold in the same month last year.

Cash value of E and H Bonds outstanding at April's end was $49.4 billion in comparison to $48.6 billion a year ago.

USS Diachenko Cited For Raiding Viet Cong

Navy's high-speed transport USS Diachenko has been awarded the Navy Unit Commendation for her performance in a series of amphibious raids and assaults on Viet Cong-held territory in RVN.

Diachenko, a destroyer-hulled warship designed to carry underwater demolition teams, Marine raiders and reconnaissance parties, conducted first American amphibious raids of war at Vung Mu, Ben Goi Bay and Tam Quam.

DomRep Govt. Commission To Study Property Losses

The American Embassy, Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic, has informed Department of State that the government there has established a special commission to study claims for losses from damage and destruction to personal property during the civil strife that started April 24, 1965.

American nationals who want to file claims should write to: Comision Depuradora De Reclamaciones Por Danos De Guerra, Calle Las Damas Esq. El Conde (Altos De Rentas Internas), Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic. Claims must be filed by May 21, 1966.

FIRST IN USCG—Lt. Robert T. Nelson, USCG, first member of his service to receive a decoration for Vietnam combat duty, received Bronze Star Medal for meritorious achievement while commanding Cutter Point Glover. Lt. Nelson and his crew made first capture of an armed Viet Cong junk attempting to infiltrate into RVN.

AF Cuts Bomb Expense

Air Force's 439th Munitions Squadron, Misawa AB, Japan, initiated a program in FY63 to recover, repair and re-use practice bombs used for aerial delivery training. Using a parachute system, the unit has established a 90 percent recovery rate with projected savings in FY66 of $254,675.

Amarillo AFB Sets ATC Safety Record

First of Air Training Command's bases to reach the 15-year accident free mark is Amarillo AFB, Tex.

Officials estimate that Amarillo aircraft have flown a minimum of 100 million passenger miles during the period.

Aircraft included the B-25 Mitchell, T-33 Shooting Star, C-47 Skytrain, C-119 Flying Boxcar, C-54 Skymaster, and the T-29 Flying Classroom.

Queen's Physician Visits U.S. Medical Facilities

Great Britain's Director of Army Medical Services visited with each service's surgeon general during an inspection of U. S. military medical facilities.

Lt. Gen. Sir Robert Drew, whose honors include Commander of the Order of the British Empire, also visited with Dr. Shirley Fisk, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense (Health and Medical).

Gen. Drew is a Fellow of the Royal College of Physicians, Knight Commander of the Order of the Bath, and Honorary Physician to the Queen.

PERSONNEL ACTIONS

Gen. Robert M. Lee, USAF, Air Deputy, SACEUR, and **Gen. Jacob E. Smart, USAF,** Deputy CinC, U.S. European Command, to be nominated for retirement by Pres. Johnson. Replacements nominated by the President, with rank of general are, respectively: **Lt. Gen. William S. Stone,** AF Deputy CofS, Personnel, and **Lt. Gen. David A. Burchinal,** Director, Joint Staff, JCS. **Maj. Gen. Norman J. Anderson, USMC,** former Commander, MCABs, Eastern Area, and CG, MCAS Cherry Point, N.C., now CG, 2nd MAW. **Brig. Gen. Marion E. Carl, USMC,** former Asst. Commander, 1st MAW, succeeded Gen. Anderson. **RAdm. Ralph W. Cousins, USN,** presented DSM for "exceptionally meritorious service" in conducting air strikes in NVN from July 9, 1965-Jan. 14, 1966. **Brig. Gen. Samuel K. Eaton, USA,** departed Ft. Meade, Md., May 1, for duty as Chief, JUSMAG, Greece.

CONTRACT AWARDS

Cesco Container Mfg. Corp., Northampton, Mass.: $1,128,416 contract for 92,645 plywood locker trunks. **(DSA)**

Olin-Mathieson Chemical Corp., East Alton, Ill.: $4,412,698 fixed-price contract for 7.62mm ammunition. **(Army)**

North American Aviation, Inc., Rocketdyne Div., McGregor, Texas: $1,840,600 modification to an existing fixed-price contract for rocket motors for the Navy and Air Force. **(Navy)**

North American Aviation, Inc., Los Angeles, Calif.: $1,700,000 initial increment contract for work in support of Air Force and NASA flight test programs. (Estimated final amount of contract is $34,000,000. **(Air Force)**

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